

What is claimed is:

1. An ostomy bag comprising (a) a main chamber with an upper extremity: (b) at least one multiple-use latent tube co-formed with said main chamber, said multiple-use latent tube having a proximal end firmly attached to, opening to and capable of fluid communication with said main chamber upper extremity, said tube further having a distal end capable of providing axial gas flow out of said tube.
2. An ostomy bag in accordance with claim 1, wherein said main chamber and said tube have front-side and body-side walls, and the front-side wall of said main chamber is made of the same kind of material as the front-side wall of said tube, and the body-side wall of said main chamber is made of the same kind of material as the body side-wall of said tube.
3. An ostomy bag in accordance with claim 1, in combination with at least one filter in fluid connection with said distal end of said tube, for filtering the gaseous outflow from said ostomy bag.
4. An ostomy bag in accordance with claim 3, wherein a connector is attached in fluid connection by axial insertion into said tube distal end and said filter is connected to said connector.
5. A combination in accordance with claim 3, wherein said filter is also a connector.
6. An ostomy bag in accordance with claim 1, wherein said bag includes a plurality of multiple use latent tubes co-formed with said main chamber, at least two said multiple-use tubes each having a proximal end opening to and capable of fluid communication with said

upper main chamber extremity, at least one of said tubes having a distal end capable of providing axial fluid flow out of said tube.

7. An ostomy bag in accordance with claim 6, wherein said bag includes two multiple use tubes co-formed with said main chamber, each of said two tubes having a distal end capable of providing axial fluid flow out of it.

8. An ostomy bag in accordance with claim 6, wherein each of said multiple use tubes are separately closeable near its respective proximal end.

9. An ostomy bag in accordance with claim 1, wherein said main chamber upper extremity has a perimeter edge, and said tube has a perimeter edge that is proximate to and is in less than firm connection with a portion of said main chamber upper extremity edge.

10. An ostomy bag comprising: (A) a main bag chamber having an upper extremity; (B) a multipurpose latent tube co-formed with said main bag chamber, said latent tube having a proximal end attached to and opening to said main bag chamber upper extremity and providing the capability for fluid communication with it, said tube also having (1) a distal end and (2) significant latent tube length between said proximal end and said distal end, at least a substantial part of said length being less than firmly attached to said main bag chamber.

11. An ostomy bag in accordance with claim 10, wherein said distal end and said significant latent tube length between said proximal end and said distal end are unattached to said main bag chamber.

12. An ostomy bag in accordance with claim 10, wherein said distal end is capable of providing axial gas flow out of said tube.

13. An ostomy bag in accordance with claim **11**, wherein said distal end is capable of providing axial gas flow out of said tube.

14. An ostomy bag in accordance with claim **10**, further including an integral closure means for closing said tube.

15. An ostomy bag in accordance with claim **14**, wherein said closure means comprises a blank area firmly attached to said main bag chamber proximate said tube proximal end, said blank area having at least one slit therein through which said latent tube can be inserted, wherein said slit is in fluid communication with neither said main bag chamber nor said tube.

16. A waste management system for stomal wastes comprising multiple use latent tubing having: (a) front and back walls comprising thin, flexible, water impermeable plastic, said latent tubing further having at least one channel having a flat width dimension no greater than one inch and at least two end openings, at least one of said end openings being a proximal end through which gas can enter said tube, and the other a distal end capable of providing axial fluid flow out of said tube, which latent tubing takes tubular form as necessary for uses selected from the group consisting of: (a) connecting to firm tubing; (b) connecting to at least one filter; (c) forming an integral part of an ostomy bag; (d) venting of flatus gasses; (e) housing at least one filter; (f) providing expansion potential to provide reserve gas storage capacity; (g) serving as a conduit to conduct flatus from one location to another; and (h) connecting to water sources for flushing waste from an ostomy bag.

17. A stomal waste management system in accordance with claim **16** wherein said latent tubing has at least one pair of spaced apertures in one of its walls to accommodate attachment of a filter with appropriately mating apertures, said latent tubing further having at least one interval seal to route gas into said filter.

18. A stomal waste management system in accordance with claim 17 wherein said latent tubing has a plurality of: (a) pairs of apertures, and (b) interval seals, to accommodate a plurality of filters.

19. A stomal waste management system in accordance with claim 16 wherein said latent tubing is connected by separate connector to a tube that is an integral part of an ostomy bag.

20. A process for managing stomal gaseous waste, said process comprising routing said gasses through at least a first tube and a second tube linked in series wherein both said first and second tubes when unused are latent tubes.

21. A process in accordance with claim 20 wherein one of said tubes is an integral part of an ostomy bag.

22. A process in accordance with claim 20, wherein one of said tubes contains a filter material.

23. A process in accordance with claim 21, wherein second tube is an elongated conduit for conducting flatus gas, said tube having two ends one proximal to and in fluid connection with said bag, the other end of said elongated tube being distal and connected to a firm tube.